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“‘Father’ is the Christian name for God.”

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God wants us to come to Him in Prayer... It is worth our time!

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Those who are in God's Kingdom strive to do God's will.

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Humbly pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
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"Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever!"

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 ***Take Away***

The God of the universe loves you... Seek Him and Enjoy!!!

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